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EPA has concluded that the probable source of benzene and volatile organic compound readings in the Manchester community in Houston was due to a roof failure and spill from a tank at the Valero Refinery during Hurricane Harvey. EPA investigation continues. EPA, TCEQ and the Army Corps of Engineers field observation teams will inspect debris staging and landfill operations within the hurricane impacted counties in Texas to ensure best practices and program requirements are being met. EPA has completed sampling of Superfund sites in Texas and sites in Louisiana will be completed soon. Sampling information is being released publicly as it is received. An EPA solid waste expert is participating in the federal Debris Management Taskforce which has been established at the FEMA JFO. Community Liaisons continue to assist impacted counties by providing information about dealing with environmental hazards of returning to flood damaged homes.